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Letter to the Editor

Association between treatment of superficial bladder cancer and 10-year mortality in older adults with multiple chronic conditions

Garg et al. *Cancer*. 2018 Oct 5. doi: 10.1002/cncr.31705.

Dear Sir,

I read this article with some interest (1). However, I was concerned by the use of the term “superficial” bladder cancer in the title and throughout the manuscript. For over 15 years, urologists worldwide have been moving away from the term “superficial” bladder cancer when describing disease of UICC stages Tis, Ta and T1 (AJCC stage \leq I) – the term is simply misleading for all of the reasons described elsewhere (2-6). The professional associations of most countries adopted the term “non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer” (NMIBC) some years ago, and including the influential clinical guidelines from the European Association of Urology and American Urological Association (7;8). It is now time for journal Editors and Associate Editors to also play their part when assessing manuscripts such that the term superficial bladder cancer can be eliminated from medical terminology.

Yours faithfully,

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